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9th Grade/Freshmen

Unit Progression	Description
Foundations of Embarc	At Embarc, we engage students in programming focused on six core values: collaboration, courage, leadership, change agency, curiosity, and drive. The Foundations of Embarc Unit introduces students to those six core values through daily experiences. These experiences are a way for students to both understand the mindsets of Embarc and practice the structures of engaging in those mindsets that are threaded in and across all aspects of programming. Through varied interaction with these values, students will begin to build community and explore their relationship with these values and their own.
My Life, My Journey	At Embarc, we want students to own their future pathway based on their passions and skills. This can seem like a very daunting endeavor. Thus, My Life, My Journey engages students in a game-like experience, giving them opportunities to develop, practice, and reflect upon various decisions they may come across in life, how to navigate conflict, ways to advocate for themselves, and ways to negotiate a variety of relationships without the pressures of the consequences of those actions. Engaging in this unit will help Embarc students build their reflective muscles to gain a better understanding of themselves and each other.
Change Agency	Embarc firmly believes that giving back is a fundamental component to developing critical characteristics such as empathy and a sense of accountability toward others. In order to develop these characteristics, students must be given the opportunity to discover a cause they find relevant and important to their own lives, make critical decisions, practice trial and error, implement solutions, analyze their results, and reflect on their impact. The Change Agency Unit guides students through the inquiry cycle, while giving them the autonomy to make important choices for the greater good.

10th Grade/Sophomores

Unit Progression	Description
Week 0 - Sophomore	A beginning of year foundation setting week
Foundations of Embarc	**(If didn't receive as a freshmen)** At Embarc, we engage students in programming focused on six core values: collaboration, courage, leadership, change agency, curiosity, and drive. The Foundations of Embarc Unit introduces students to those six core values through daily experiences. These experiences are a way for students to both understand the mindsets of Embarc and practice the structures of engaging in those mindsets that are threaded in and across all aspects of programming. Through varied interaction with these values, students will begin to build community and explore their relationship with these values and their own.
My Story, My Voice	The My Story, My Voice Unit gives students a chance to delve into their unique identities, understand their values and beliefs, and develop their skills in presentation through the narrative of their stories. Throughout the unit, Embarc teachers and students will build positive relationships and a deeper understanding of each other in order to foster a safe place for learning and growth.
Our Community, Our Voice	The Our Community, Our Voice Unit pushes the Embarc cohort to embrace the learning and vulnerability that they practiced in the My Story, My Voice Unit and continue moving to forming a community amongst their cohort. Throughout the unit, students will determine how community is defined, what the pillars of a community are, and what their individual contributions are to their community.
Sophomore Postsecondary Exploration	***Optional Postsecondary prepartion unit*** This unit incorporates introductory lessons to get students to begin envisionig themselves after high school by learning about different options and pathways that connect to their identity and values

11th Grade/Juniors

Curriculum Resources

- Whole School Teacher Toolkit
- Unit Hook Ideas
- Goal Setting Lessons
- "Mix it up!" - Alternatives to Journaling
- End of Unit Event Planning
- BDA/Experience Guide Folder

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Week 0 - Juniors	A beginning of year foundation setting week; re-engage with Embarc
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My Impact, My Purpose	The My Impact, My Purpose Unit allows students to connect their personal values to their own actions and impacts, and dig deep within themselves to determine a purpose for a future impact that they hope to have. Throughout the unit, Embarc students will explore meaningful ways to share the impact they have had, currently have, and hope to have on others, their communities, and the world.
My Brand, My Network	Every Embarc student is armed with the knowledge they need to walk into a professional setting and leave a positive lasting impact on the individuals in the room. They will create their own personal brand to enter these spaces authentically and with confidence. In Embarc classrooms, students are given the space to learn about different types of networks and how those networks will support them in achieving their goals. Through different activities and collaborative experiences, Embarc students will have the skills to navigate any professional atmosphere with poise and presence.
Junior Postsecondary Exploration	***Optional Postsecondary prepartion unit*** Embarc students will begin to understand the route into the various pathways that are available to them. With the knowledge they will gain, students will be ready and equipped to make informed decisions on which postsecondary pathway is the right fit for their unique needs as a scholar and as an individual.

12th Grade/Senior

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Foundations of Embarc	**(Re-engage with favorite pieces to create a foundation at the beginning of year if they have already engaged)** At Embarc, we engage students in programming focused on six core values: collaboration, courage, leadership, change agency, curiosity, and drive. The Foundations of Embarc Unit introduces students to those six core values through daily experiences. These experiences are a way for students to both understand the mindsets of Embarc and practice the structures of engaging in those mindsets that are threaded in and across all aspects of programming. Through varied interaction with these values, students will begin to build community and explore their relationship with these values and their own. ***Work with your Embarc postsecondary success coach to determine the best place to start for senior classes***
Implementation Guide	A comprehensive guide to utilize with your Embarc post secondary success coach to determine a best curriculum path for seniors that best meets students needs and aligns with school and district seniors milestones
Senior year curriculum units	See unit descriptions in implementation guide

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